

WEAKNESS OF THE CURB COPPERS EXPLAINED

UNPOPULARITY DUE TO FACT THAT PRODUCERS WILL SUPPLY METAL TO GOVERNMENT AT HALF ITS PRESENT PRICE.

(From Friday's Daily.)
Curb coppers have been just the least bit unpopular since the report that certain producers would supply copper metal to the government at less than half the present price of the metal. There is no reason, however, why the Curb coppers should suffer on that account, since none of the companies whose stocks are listed on the Curb are among the ones that will supply the copper. On the other hand it would logically seem a bull argument for the Curb coppers, since the taking by the government of such a large amount will mean a still smaller supply of the metal and, other things being equal, still higher prices for copper than those now being obtained. The copper market is stronger now than it has been, domestic consumers showing more anxiety about placing future business. It is reported that 2,000,000 pounds of copper have been taken by users in this country for delivery over the last five months of 1917 at 31 cents a pound. The announcement that the government is to be a consumer of copper has stimulated other consumers to hurry up with their orders.

The list of copper producers that will supply the government with 45,510,000 pounds of April-December copper at the ten-year average price of 16.6739 cents a pound f. o. b. seaboard, was completed yesterday. There are 18 names on the list, though it will be supplied through a smaller number of agencies, Kennecott and Braden, for example, appearing on the list as two companies though Braden is but a subsidiary of the Kennecott, and the Kennecott copper is sold through the same agency as Utah copper, Chile and several others on the list. The list is made up of Anaconda, Utah Copper, Phelps, Dodge & Co., Inc., Inspiration, Kennecott, Chino, Miami, Chile, Greene-Canaan, Cerro de Pasco, Braden, Ray Consolidated, North Butte, Wolverine, Quincy, Mohawk, Utah Consolidated and Hancock Consolidated. If pro-rated equally this would mean about 2,500,000 pounds from each company extending over a period of nine months.

Silver metal has been attracting much attention recently because of its steady slump from its high price of 79 cents. Cable dispatches from Shanghai, however, have accounted in large measure for the steady decline. It is said that when diplomatic relations were broken off between China and Germany, Chinese speculators began immediately to sell silver and purchase sterling exchange, thus depressing silver prices by throwing a large volume of the metal on the market.

Aside from the weakness in Chinese exchange, the fall of quotations in New York has been caused by the growing cost of transporting the metal to London on account of the rise in war risk insurance rates and the scarcity of available vessels.

Green Monster holds so steady around \$2 that it has attracted suspicion, and close watchers of the stock say that they find evidence that accumulation is now going on. Green Monster passed through a similar period of accumulation several months ago, just before the advance to \$6.

THE BIRTHPLACE OF JEFFERSON TO BE MARKED

FAIRVIEW, Ky., March 29.—The birthplace of Jefferson Davis on a farm near here is to be marked by a great limestone obelisk, according to plans which Confederate veterans are now trying to bring to completion.

A tract of 22 acres near Fairview, which originally formed a part of the farm upon which Jefferson Davis was born was acquired several years ago by Colonel A. S. Cunningham, of Nashville, Tenn., publisher of the "Confederate Veteran" and General Bennett Young, who was four times elected commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. They raised about \$20,000, converting the tract into the Jefferson Davis park, and it is upon a summit of this park that it is proposed to erect the monument. General George W. Littlefield, of Austin, Texas, announced that he

will guarantee an amount sufficient to insure the completion of the project if others would assume a fair share, and General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., has agreed to assume a further large share of the expense. In the meantime a campaign for further funds is in progress, and designs for the monument have been prepared with the intention of beginning work on the foundation this Spring.

The monument will be an obelisk of limestone and concrete 351 feet high, the tallest with the exception of the Washington monument of any other shaft of the kind in the world. The base will be 43 feet square with a room 18 feet square in the interior for the storing of relics. It is planned to have the shaft completed some time early in the coming Autumn and to dedicate it October 22, 1917.

The site of the monument is only about 100 miles, as the crow flies, from the site of the impressive memorial hall erected near Hodgenville, Ky., over the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born.

GILL AND OTHER DEFENDANTS NOT GUILTY

SEATTLE, March 31.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham and City Detectives Myer M. Peyser, John Poolman, Jas. Doon and Daniel McLennan, on trial charged with conspiracy to violate the Federal law by the importation of liquor into the State of Washington, were acquitted today by a jury in the United States District court. The jury received the case at 5:30 last night.

Mayor Gill was accused of taking \$4,000 from Logan Billingsley for dropping suits against the Billingsley brothers, liquor sellers, returning incriminating papers and promising immunity to them. Chief of Police Beckingham was accused of taking bribes of \$1,200 from Fred Billingsley. The detectives were accused of taking money from the Billingsleys for letting liquor shipments to the Billingsleys enter the city while guarding the water front. The Billingsleys were formerly residents of West Virginia and Oklahoma.

The trial was begun March 6. The witnesses for the government were Logan and Fred Billingsley and their former employees, confessed liquor sellers.

Ninety witnesses testified in the case, including the six defendants. There were seven defendants when the case opened, but at the conclusion of the presentation of evidence Judge Jeremiah Neterer instructed the jury to acquit former Sheriff Robert T. Hodge, one of the defendants, saying the evidence against Hodge did not show offenses against the United States laws.

Gill acquired national celebrity by being recalled from the office of mayor of Seattle in 1911 for alleged toleration of vice and by being elected mayor by enormous majorities in 1914 and 1916.

I. O. O. F. SMOKER IS PLEASANT EVENING

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Successful in every particular was the smoker given by the Odd Fellows Lodge of this city, at I. O. O. F. hall, Thursday evening, March 29th.

An excellent program made the evening pass all too quickly.

The Dixie Quartet, composed of Messrs. Suman, McKoy, McVay and Mansfield, sang several selections, and were loudly encored for each number. Mr. Suman also sang several solos which were well received.

Judge Frank O. Smith, delivered an eloquent address along the lines of true Americanism in his subject "Fraternalism and Its Relation to Patriotism," at the finish of which, the audience arose and sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

Rev. Joel Hedgpeth, "Arizona's Native Son Preacher," also gave a splendid talk on "Manhood and Its Present Day Demands." The theme of his message was clean living and the absolute necessity of it for true success.

During the intermissions in the program, the smokers smoked, played cards and amused themselves generally.

The executive committee of the I. O. O. F. went to considerable pains in giving the smoker, and it was enjoyed to the fullest extent by everyone present.

IN PROBATE COURT

(From Saturday's Daily)
The administrators of the estates of Ernest Rossi and Mordich Barsegoff were authorized yesterday to compromise claims. The hearing of a petition for letters in the estate of August West was set over until April 6th. W. H. F. Jones, petitioner for letters in the estate of John S. Jones, testified in the hearing but the case was continued for further testimony to April 6th. An administrator was named for the estate of Mary DeWitt and a guardian appointed for the Murphy minors.

MAYER TOWNSITE LOTS GO LIKE HOT CAKES

ALL BUT FIVE LOTS IN TOWNSITE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION; BOOM HAS HIT SMELTERTOWN; BUILDING IS ACTIVE.

MAYER, March 31.—Mayer's boom was demonstrated today when newcomers from all over, including a family from California, bid at a public auction for the lots of the townsites. All but five of the lots were sold, for a total net sum of \$2,800.

Building has taken on a new activity, people are coming in to settle, and public institutions are flourishing as never before. Today's sale disposed of 105 lots. The prices ranged from \$20 to \$205 a piece, J. C. Martin paying the top price. Appraisers fixed the value of the lots at from \$10 to \$25. Judge F. O. Smith and Clerk P. J. Farley of the Superior court were over from Prescott to superintend the sale.

New buildings constructed on the townsites range in value from \$100 to \$2,000. One business building cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The foundation is being laid for the new bank building.

Forty new houses, most of them being put up by newcomers, are finished or in the final stages of construction on the townsites. A new church is about completed. Among those who bought in quantities at the auction sale were J. C. Martin, Warren and Ish Davis, F. W. Giroux and W. H. Morrison, the latter taking \$700 worth of land.

Rather than carry the cash resulting from the sale, R. B. Westervelt, Judge Smith's right hand man, attempted to buy express orders here today, but was refused. The safe robbery at Cordes, nine miles south of here last night, convinced the Wells Fargo agent it was not safe to have nearly \$3,000 in cash in his office. The money was taken to Prescott in the automobile.

BIG CHIEF FINDS NEW USE FOR LIMBURGER

CORDOVA, Alaska, March 26.—Chief Goodlatav of the Copper River Indians, who recently asked why the deputy United States marshal "in Europe did not put a stop to the war over there," has discovered a new and unique use for that cheese, famed most for its unpleasant odor. He traps lynx with it.

Recently an epicure at China ordered some limburger cheese from a mail order house and shortly after its arrival the chief happened in for flour and bacon. The town wit gave the chief a taste.

Chief Goodlatav's face was a study. He munched the cheese-smeared cracker. His nostrils quivered as do a rabbit's while eating, and when he was through he produced his "poke." Abstracting a silver dollar he tendered it to the wit.

"Hiyu bait. You catchem dollars' worth for me soon," said the chief.

Fortunately for Goodlatav's desire, Alaskans never order by retail and he was able to purchase a pound from the epicure's supply. He departed in silence. Two weeks later he came to a town with 20 lynx skins which he traded at local stores for phonograph records, groceries, candy and some blankets. Then he endeavored to buy some more, "Hiyu bait. You know whatcha callin' heap smellum. White man put 'em on cracker. Indian he put 'em on meat, bait trap catch plenty lynx."

CITIZEN TRAINING CAMPS TO AID PREPAREDNESS

[DALLAS, Tex., March 30.—For the purpose of instructing and training citizens in military tactics—a part of the preparedness program—five civilian training camps are to be held in the Southern military department within the next few months.

The location of these camps and the dates on which they are to be held are: Austin, May 4 to June 3; Dallas, June 16 to July 15; Alexandria, La., July 28 to August 27; Las Vegas, N. M., July 21 to August 30, and at Houston, in September or October, the date not having been selected.

In connection with other training camps to be held during the Summer months no expense will be attached to the training for participants who are over 18 and under 45 years of age. The government will furnish everything including transportation. Upon entering the camp, however, each man will be required to deposit \$10. This amount will be returned to

him when he leaves camp provided there is no charge against him for breakage or loss of government property.

All five of the Southern division camps will be in charge of Major H. L. Laubach, Nineteenth infantry, U. S. A. He will designate officers to command the various camps.

With a view to promoting knowledge of army science, Major Laubach has announced that at least two companies of infantry, one troop of cavalry, one battery of field artillery, one engineering company, sanitary troops, a section of a bakery, and a part of a truck company, comprising about 600 regular soldiers, will be provided for each camp during its life.

Major Laubach estimated that a thousand or more civilians will take advantage of opportunities offered at each camp.

ED BLOCK HOME RANSACKED BY A BURGLAR

(From Saturday's Daily)
Another little burglary, mingled with a comedy of errors occurred yesterday morning, when the home of Ed Block on South Marina street was thoroughly ransacked. But a small amount of change was secured, and the intruder escaped without having been seen.

Carrying a flashlight, the burglar entered the room of young Block, and, as it was 5 o'clock in the morning, and he was sleeping soundly, he didn't awake sufficiently to identify the man. He thought it was his sister. Oddly enough, the sister, Miss Beth Block, thought it was her brother, when the burglar opened her door and flashed his light within.

On waking, the family discovered unmistakable evidences of the entire house having been gone through. Apparently, a rapid but thorough search for valuables had been made while all slept. But for the occurrence of the two mistaken identities, the intruder might have passed through the residence without anyone having known of it except by the opened drawers and similar signs of a search.

The authorities were notified soon after the burglary was discovered, but having absolutely nothing to work on, produced no results up to a late hour last night.

YOUNG BURGLAR GIVEN STREET FIXING JOB

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Leonard Houck, aged 19, admitted having entered the home of Walter Hill at 204 Park avenue, Thursday, but claimed he was merely searching for food.

City Magistrate Whisman asked him why he had looked for food in all the dresser drawers and closets, and having no satisfactory answer, the young man was found guilty of petit burglary, and sentenced to 30 days' service with King's street gang.

When arrested Thursday afternoon and identified by Mrs. Hill as the young chap she had frightened out of her house, Houck had a bunch of skeleton keys on his person. At the time, he declined to give any account of himself, beyond saying he had just arrived in town. Chief of Police Robert Robbins, who made the arrest, found several men who had seen Houck about town for several days, and it is thought he may have been connected with the series of petty thefts that have been bothering the people of Prescott for the past fortnight.

BOOZE LIBATION POURED OUT TO GODS OF WAR

(From Saturday's Daily)
It may have been in solemn libation to the gods of war who seem to be hovering over this nation, that a quantity of red liquor was poured out at the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon. Judge F. O. Smith and Clerk Pat Farley of the Superior court were on hand to lend official dignity to the ceremony.

John Jakonovich and Phil Radovich, who kicked in with part of the booze for the celebration, were the chief ritualists. That is, they opened the bottles and sent their contents gurgling down the drain pipe. Both these young bootleggers have been turned into trustees, and Gardner Cruickshank avers they are two of the best men he ever had working about the county flower patches.

The liquor was accounted for thus: George Parks, 16 quarts; O. A. Dodson, 1 quart; Charles Spaw, 2 quarts; Nick Stajich, 12 quarts and 10 pints; Radovich and Jakonovich, 25 gallons in three kegs.

CALLED TO ARMS

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Veterans of the Spanish war were called upon today to show their patriotism and loyalty in the present crisis with Germany in a proposal by their commander-in-chief, D. V. Chisholm, announcing that he expects to "raise troops in each State to be offered to the government for protection against any foreign foe," as soon as congress "defines some program."

CORDES SAFE IS OPENED; \$300 EXTRACTED

BIG HAUL IS MADE AT LONELY STATION STORE WITHOUT RESORT TO ANY VIOLENCE; NO CLUE IS LEFT BY ROBBERS.

(From Sunday's Daily.)
Some time between 9 o'clock Friday night and 6 o'clock Saturday morning, the safe in the store of Charles Cordes at Cordes station, 35 miles southeast of here, was opened, and \$300 odd extracted. No clue was left by the robber or robbers.

The third safe cracking job in this county within the month, netted enough to pay for both the others, which were failures. And this time, no "soup" or other form of violence was used. Either Cordes had left the safe unlocked Friday evening, or else the operator turned a "listening" trick, opening the safe by listening to the drop of the tumblers until he had solved the combination.

Feeling in the Mayer and Cordes country is high over the robbery. No one will leave any cash in safes for fear of a repetition of the robbery.

Notified of the Cordes job, the sheriff's office made an investigation, but was unable to locate a single clue on which to work. The job was done so quietly that not a sign was left. It is considered not unlikely that it was done by the same man or men who have been working in this district for some weeks past.

KETCHOFF FILES A THREEFOLD ANSWER TO MEGLEN'S SUIT

(From Saturday's Daily.)
A very comprehensive document was filed in behalf of Mike Ketchoff, by E. H. Ford, of Jerome, yesterday. It was labeled "motion, demurrer and answer." It moved, demurred and replied to charges brought in a civil suit by John Meglen, against one Mike Ketchoff, for the alleged serious bruising of the complainant.

In moving the dismissal of the case, the defendant alleges that the complaint is tagged, "In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona and for the County of Mohave," and that because the complaint is so ticketed, it is not lawful for the clerk of the court of Yavapai county to hold the thing against the defendant. It also states that the true name of the pretended defendant is Mike Ketchoff and not Mike Brothoff. The demurrer is general. The answer raises the point of self-defense and alleges that at the time of the alleged assault, there were several witnesses, unknown to the defendant, on hand, that Meglen made an assault on Ketchoff and that the wounds the latter inflicted on the complainant were done in self-defense.

ODD FELLOWS GOAT

(From Thursday's Daily.)
When the goat team of the Odd Fellows got to going last Saturday night it began to make life miserable for about 20 Clarkdale boys. Their feelings were of the mingled sort, as the chief of staff, Guinn put it, when he began to get his tires punctured. He said it was no pleasure to travel on flat tires, with his lamps out.

The "coffee" pot boiled over. When last seen, Talbot was hot-footing it up Cortez street at a rate of ten feet per minute. The air alarm was sounded when the chief of the Prescott goat team did the flip-the-loop, a stunt that was clever and neat and for which a challenge was issued to all comers. Sam said he was Dreyer than the rest of the bunch.

There will be another lot of lambs to take the rest under the old oak tree soon.

DISEASES RUN NECK AND NECK DEATH RACE

LONDON, March 30.—For the first time, the mortality from cancer in England has overtaken that from tuberculosis. At the present time, about 40,000 deaths annually are ascribed to cancer.

The Cancer Society in its annual report, expresses the belief that a large increase in cancer must be expected as a result of the war. "It is a matter of common knowledge," says the report, "that cancer frequently develops at the site of a former scar or wound. Whatever the underlying cause of the malady may be, the lamentable fact remains that as a result of the present unparalleled warfare, we shall have to face in the near future a most serious increase in malignant growths in the men who have served their country in the field."

PRICES CHEAPER AT MUNICIPAL MARKET

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—Prices of fruit, produce and poultry sold at municipal markets in Los Angeles are about 25 to 30 per cent lower than those asked by retail dealers, according to James P. Britt, superintendent of the markets. Fish sold through an arrangement with the municipal fish market company whereby the city controls the prices to a marked degree, cost the consumer about 30 per cent less than the price charged by regularly established retail dealers, Britt said. The city also has placed fish on sale at nine other places in the city, in some instances through retail dealers who sell them at the same prices charged by the city.

Municipal markets have been established in Los Angeles about three years, but the sale of fish controlled by the city was not inaugurated until March 6th. In this the method is different, because the city purchases the fish from the fisherman and acts as distributor direct to the consumer, while in the handling of produce the city merely erected large frame sheds with stalls which rented to the producers for 25 cents a day. The city's only interest in this was to open the way for the producer to deal direct with the consumer, thus eliminating the middleman.

These markets have been open heretofore only three days a week, but arrangements have been made to have them open daily except Sunday beginning March 20.

In the handling of fish the city makes the purchases direct from the fishermen, who deliver their catch to the municipal dock at Los Angeles harbor. There they are cleaned and iced at the expense of the city and placed on sale at its regularly established markets. The retail cost is computed by adding to the price paid the fishermen the expense in handling and icing. A small profit is added to these figures.

Numerous inquiries concerning the methods of distributing fish have been received by the market bureau since the system was inaugurated. These have come from many sections of Southern California and one was received March 14th from Salt Lake City. The city already has arranged with the municipal authorities of Pasadena, to supply fish for municipal sale in that city on the same basis as they are handled here, and similar arrangements probably will be made with other Southern California cities, according to Britt.

CONFIRM STORY OF DETENTION OF U. S. CITIZENS

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Official dispatches from Copenhagen confirmed reports that two American seamen had arrived there from Germany with a story that some 50 others were taken in raids by the Moewe and are being held in detention camps. No reply has yet been received to the inquiry sent through the Spanish ambassador a week ago as to whether any Americans were among the captured crews. The men reaching Copenhagen, Alexander Meyer and Jack Benson, of the Norwegian bark Staut, were released because they were on an unarmed ship. They said 50 men from the British steamer Esmeraldas, and one from the British steamer Brecknorshire were held, all in the detention camp in Westphalia. The American government is certain to make vigorous demand for their release.

FRANK WINCHESTER IS FOUND INSANE

(From Saturday's Daily)
The dementia of Frank Winchester took the form of aggressiveness, a quality which his small stature does not justify. Before Judge F. O. Smith, yesterday, Winchester was examined by Drs. Southworth and McNally, and he was adjudged insane.

Winchester has several odd delusions. One is that people are continually pushing him around. He resents this, and offers to lick all and sundry. At times, he declares he can lick any man in the State of Arizona, omitting the qualifying phrase usually employed, "over 99 years of age."

He was taken to Phoenix last night to be lodged in the State hospital for the insane.

PROVIDING REVENUE

LONDON, March 30.—The Russian government, says a dispatch from Petrograd, has decided all appanages to the national property and that the revenues from them shall be turned into the national treasury. The income from the grand ducal appanages alone is estimated at more than 25,000,000 rubles yearly.

REASON IS PLAIN

BERNE, March 30.—M. Bibikoff, the Russian minister to Switzerland, has been notified by the provisional government of his removal from office. Russian diplomatic affairs will be conducted for the time being by the secretary of the legation. His wife is an Austrian.

WEED LAY OUT WORK, GREEN MONSTER

NOTED GEOLOGIST MADE CONSULTING ENGINEER AT DIRECTORS' MEETING; PRES. NEILL BAILEY IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

(From Sunday's Daily)
Bringing back a lot of optimism, Neill E. Bailey, president of the Green Monster Mining Company, and Dr. Walter Harvey Weed, who has succeeded Wm. S. Humbert as director, returned from a directors' meeting at Jerome, Friday.

Dr. Weed has formally taken his place as consulting engineer for the company.

"The present development work is highly encouraging," said Mr. Bailey yesterday. "We discussed very thoroughly the operating plans and conditions. It was decided to engage Dr. Weed, the noted geologist and mining engineer, as consulting expert and the further development of the property will be carried on under his supervision, and that of the mining committee, which is composed of several eminent mining operators, both on and off the board.

"Some highly constructive development work has thus been outlined. Machinery is on the ground, and in operation; more has and will be ordered, as needed. Development work is being pushed as rapidly as conditions and a conservative policy will permit."

The board, as reconstructed, now consists of Neill E. Bailey, Dave Morgan, W. A. Drake, T. A. Riordan and Dr. Walter Harvey Weed.

R. D. Finlayson, a mining engineer who graduated in the same class with R. E. Tally, general manager of the United Verde Copper Company, and who is a thoroughly practical miner, is mine superintendent. G. G. Fuller, late assistant cashier of the Phoenix National Bank, has been elected secretary and auditor of the Green Monster Company.

INDIANS ENDURE A HARD WINTER

SEWARD, Alaska, March 30.—Indians making their Winter home in the Lower Kuskokwim valley are reported to be having a very hard Winter owing to a two-year closed season on martin declared by the new Federal statute. In consequence the Indians are said to be starving since they had nothing more than dog and caribou meat.

The information was brought out by Nate H. Coombs, territorial representative in the Alaska legislature now in session at Juneau. On his way out by dog team Coombs met Frank Joaquin, a trapper and trader at Bethel, who had recently been among the Indians in the lower valley.

The Indians depend on the martin skins to pay for the flour, sugar and other staples. As the government cut off this source of revenue and failed to make other provisions for their needs the natives have been subsisting on a very limited diet.

REBELS SURRENDER

HAVANA, March 30.—Virtually all the soldiers and civilians comprising the rebel forces of Rigoberto Fernandez in Oriente province, between 500 and 600 in number, surrendered to Colonel Varona at Guantanamo early today. In surrendering the rebels gave up 30,000 rounds of rifle ammunition and 2,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition, together with 16 dynamite bombs.

KNOWS FOR CERTAIN WHEN WAR WILL END

Absolute knowledge have I none, But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a laborer on the street, That he had a letter just last week (Written in Latin—or was it Greek?) From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo Who said the niggers in Cuba knew Of a colored man in a Texas town, Who got it straight from a circus clown, That a man in Klondike heard the news From a gang of South American Jews About somebody in Borneo, Who heard of a man who claimed to know

Of a swell society female rake Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that her seventh husband's niece Has stated in a printed piece That she has a son who has a friend Who knows when the war is going to end!